

Berti language

Berti is an extinct Saharan language formerly spoken in northern Sudan, specifically in the Tagabo Hills, Darfur, and Kurdufan. Berti speakers migrated into the region with other Nilo-Saharan speakers, such as the Masalit and Daju, who were agriculturalists practicing varying degrees of animal husbandry. They settled in two separate areas: one north of Al-Fashir, while the other had continued eastward, settling in eastern Darfur and western Kurdufan by the nineteenth century. The two groups did not appear to share a common identity, the western group differing noticeably in its cultivation of gum arabic. By the 1990s, Arabic had largely replaced Berti as a native language.^[2]

Berti	
Native to	Sudan
Region	Darfur and Kordofan
Extinct	1990s?
Language family	Nilo-Saharan? - Saharan - Eastern Saharan Berti
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	byt
Glottolog	bert1249 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/bert1249) ^[1]

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